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SUBJECT Alleged Chemical Warfare Attacks in Kampuchea

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1. According to Kampuchean survivors (b)(1) People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) forces operating in four areas (b)(3) Kampuchea allegedly killed at least 225 Kampucheans and injured at least 80 more with chemical warfare attacks during the period September to 10 October 1981. These attacks were directed against opposition Kampuchean military forces as well as civilians. Methods of delivery included aircraft, artillery shells and the addition of toxic chemicals to food, medicine and water supplies.

2. In Siem Reap - oddar Meanchey Province, there were six areas attacked.

a. 17 - 19 September 1981, in the Chikreng area 10 military personnel were seriously incapacitated by a toxic chemical spread by helicopters and 105 millimeter (mm) artillery shells.

b. 17 - 18 September 1981, in the Sautnikum area, an unspecified number were killed by chemicals sprayed by helicopters and fired by 105 mm artillery shells.

c. During the month of September, an unspecified number of civilians were killed in the Kompong Thkauv area when chemicals were mixed with food, medicine and water supplies.

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d. During September an unspecified number of people were killed due to chemicals being mixed in foods and medicines that were purchased in the Puok district market.

e. 27-30 September 1981, 15 were killed and 20 seriously incapacitated in the Koulen area from chemicals being placed in the local water supply.

f. 5 October 1981, 110 people were killed due to chemicals being mixed with foods and medicines purchased at the Siem Reap city market.

3. There were three attacks in Battambang Province.

a. 19 September 1981, 50 people were killed in the Bavel area from chemicals being spread in the water supply. There was also one report that a Vietnamese woman was caught poisoning rice. The woman had poison under her finger tips and was sifting the rice through her fingers. As punishment, the villagers who caught the woman cut off her nose. There were also reports that the Vietnamese were ground spraying chemicals directly on food and rice that was being transported along Highway 5 between Sisophon and the Thai border. There were also reports that that PAVN had imposed travel restrictions for one kilometer around Bavel and were spraying chemicals on all foodstuffs outside of the one kilometer area.

b. September - October 1981, an unspecified number of people were killed in the Battambang area due to chemicals mixed with foods from the Battambang city market. Democratic Kampuchean soldiers have claimed that PAVN was storing chemical agents in warehouses in Battambang city. [redacted] Comment: No specific locations could be provided.) (b)(1) (b)(3)

c. 2 October 1981, 10 people from two families were killed by chemicals mixed with food purchased from the Thmar Kaul district market.

4. From the end of September 1981 to early October, 70 people were killed from chemicals mixed with food purchased from the Maung district market.

5. In early October 1981, 40 people were seriously incapacitated and 10 less seriously incapacitated due to chemicals sprayed by helicopters in the Kae Sla area of Kampot Province.

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6. [redacted] Comment: There was no way to verify the numbers of people killed or incapacitated, the number of actual attacks or chemical agents used.) (b)(1) (b)(3)

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